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Indiana Annual Crop Summary

Indiana producers saw lower production in both soybeans and corn this year, due to poor weather in June and July, which negatively affected potential yields, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician, USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. "While there were some excellent corn yields in the southwest, much of Northern Indiana had poor yields due to flooding and fertilizer loss from the heavy spring rains," stated Matli.

Indiana corn production in 2015 totaled 822 million bushels, 24 percent below last year's total of 1.08 billion bushels. Corn acreage harvested for grain totaled 5.48 million, down 5 percent from 2014. The average yield of 150 bushels per acre was 38 bushels below last year's record yield. "The lack of rain towards the end of the season caused the crop to not finish as well as it should have," noted Matli.

Indiana's soybean production totaled 275 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year's 301.7 million bushels. Harvested acreage was estimated at 5.50 million, up 1 percent from last year's 5.44 million acres. The average yield of 50.0 bushels per acre was 5.5 bushels below the previous year's record yield of 55.5.

Hay production (all types), at 1.66 million tons in 2015, was down 15 percent from the previous year.

Spearmint production in Indiana was 189,000 pounds, with average yields of 54 pounds per acre. Peppermint production was 400,000 pounds, yields averaged 40 pounds per acre.

Nationally, corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage.

National soybean production in 2015 totaled a record 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but up slightly from 2014. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 48.0 bushels, 0.3 bushel below the November forecast but 0.5 bushel above the 2014 yield. Harvested area is down less than 1 percent from last year's record acreage to 81.8 million acres.

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Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2013 - 2015

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	6,000	5,900	5,650	95,365	90,597	87,999
Corn, grain						
Harvested 1,000 acres	5,830	5,770	5,480	87,451	83,136	80,749
Yield..... Bushels	177.0	188.0	150.0	158.1	171.0	168.4
Production..... 1,000 bu	1,031,910	1,084,760	822,000	13,828,964	14,215,532	13,601,198
Corn, silage						
Harvested 1,000 acres	130	100	90	6,281	6,371	6,221
Yield..... Tons	23.0	22.0	17.0	18.8	20.1	20.4
Production..... 1,000 tons	2,990	2,200	1,530	118,296	128,048	126,894
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested 1,000 acres	280	240	230	17,673	18,395	17,778
Yield..... Tons	3.70	4.00	3.90	3.24	3.34	3.32
Production..... 1,000 tons	1,036	960	897	57,217	61,451	58,974
Hay, other						
Harvested 1,000 acres	360	360	330	40,224	38,667	36,659
Yield..... Tons	2.10	2.75	2.30	1.93	2.03	2.06
Production..... 1,000 tons	756	990	759	77,785	78,472	75,414
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	20	20	15	2,980	2,753	3,088
Harvested 1,000 acres	10	10	5	1,009	1,035	1,276
Yield..... bushels	71.0	74.0	59.0	64.1	67.9	70.2
Production..... 1,000 bu	710	740	295	64,642	70,232	89,535
Peppermint						
Harvested 1,000 acres	8.5	8.5	10.0	68.5	63.5	65.2
Yield..... Pounds	50	60	40	89	90	90
Production..... 1,000 lbs	425	510	400	6,115	5,719	5,882
Spearmint						
Harvested 1,000 acres	3.6	3.7	3.5	24.5	24.4	27.2
Yield..... Pounds	73	61	54	119	114	113
Production..... 1,000 lbs	263	226	189	2,926	2,784	3,070
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	5,200	5,450	5,550	76,840	83,276	82,650
Harvested 1,000 acres	5,190	5,440	5,500	76,253	82,591	81,849
Yield..... Bushels	51.5	55.5	50.0	44.0	47.5	48.0
Production..... 1,000 bu	267,285	301,920	275,000	3,357,984	3,927,090	3,929,885
Winter Wheat						
Planted 1,000 acres	460	390	290	43,230	42,409	39,461
Harvested 1,000 acres	435	335	260	32,650	32,299	32,257
Yield..... bushels	73.0	76.0	68.0	47.3	42.6	42.5
Production..... 1,000 bu	31,755	25,460	17,680	1,542,902	1,377,216	1,370,188